

REMARKS

In this Response, Applicants amend claim 1, and add new claims 8-15. Accordingly, claims 1-15 are pending.

In paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejects claims 1 and 3-6 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Bedford. Applicant respectfully submits that Bedford fails to disclose all the elements of amended claim 1, and therefore cannot anticipate claim 1 or claims depending therefrom. For example, claim 1 has a limitation directed to a "cool-air hole in the enclosure", and "an outside air introduction fan positioned adjacent the cool-air hole". Further, an "adjustable vent" is positioned between the air introduction fan and the cool-air hole. Bedford has no such structure. Instead, Bedford has a venting damper 9 for releasing heat and vapors from the cooking chamber 3. *See*, Bedford, col. 6, lns. 1-9 and Fig. 3. Also, Bedford's fans 13 and 15 are arranged to take air within the cooking chamber 3 and blow it in front of gas burner 12 to heat and circulate the hot air within the cooking chamber. *See*, Bedford, col. 6, lns. 1-9.

In another example of a limitation not found in Bedford, claim 1 also has the limitation of a "constant heat source". In contrast, Bedford uses a gas burner that is not constant, but has at least two heat levels: a high BTU output and a low BTU output. *See*, Bedford, col. 2, lns. 63-66; col. 6, lns. 10-14.; and col. 8, lns. 26-30. Since Bedford discloses a two-level heat source to avoid burnt foods (see Bedford, col. 2, lns. 23-36), it can not anticipate the claimed invention having only a constant heat source.

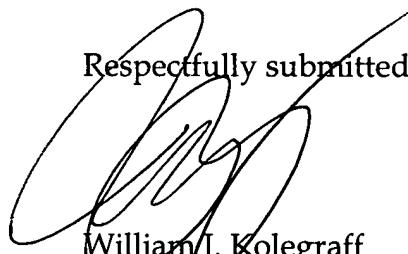
In paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejects claims 2 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over Bedford in view of McFarland. However, as described above, Bedford fails to disclose all the elements of claim 1, and McFarland does not overcome these deficiencies. Accordingly, the Applicants submit that claims 2 and 7 are allowable based on

their dependence from claim 1, which is believed to be patentably distinguishable over the cited references.

CONCLUSION

Applicant believes all pending claims 1-15 are now in a condition for allowance. If the Examiner would find it useful, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

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